



SALINAS VALLEY FLY FISHERS

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FLY TIMES

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"Wun Fish - Two Fish - I Fish -U Fish

by Sonny Wun

Whew! Can you believe that it's July already? All of our fly fishing families are going off in all directions of the map. Yeh, lot's is going on I know, but don't forget the Muddy River Classic. Next to our annual dinner, it's the Grand Daddy of the year and it's happening this weekend. This is our annual BBQ potluck event and Roger Caton, Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, is in charge of the ribs. Helping Roger out with the BBQ, will be co-CC&BW, Mike Gilroy. I understand that Mike is making seafood paella on site....better be there early for the paella, because my bet is that it won't last long. All the happenings should be in full swing by noon, but those of you wishing to park your RV overnight should plan to come early and set up your camp-site. There will lots of events and activities going on all day. Look for the fly tying, casting games, a huge raffle table and our Second Time Around Raffle to boot.

Looking into the future, the Sacramento River outing in October 12th.&13th.. I know it's early, but

it's never too early to put it on the calendar. You will need to think about reserving a spot at Sacramento River RV Park. For more info. call Rod Sanchez.

In other news, Casting for Recovery is looking for help again this year with on the stream instruction or with other donations for their program which introduces fly fishing to ladies recovering from cancer. Last year we donated several dozen flies to the program and we'd like to do the same this year. If you're a fly tyer, no matter what your level, please consider tying up a dozen or so flies for this worthwhile group. And, by all means, if you don't tie...store bought will do very nicely.

I hope you can make it to The Classic, and beyond that I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting in August and September, I'll see you all when I return from my two week stint on grandpa duty.

T'll then, keep your line in the water until you feel the tug.. Sonny

Frivolity, Food and Fireworks

Come one come all! It's that time of year again. Load the kids up, grab Momma and a jug'a brown liquor. Throw your old John boat on top of the rattle trap Chevy and make you way down the river bank to Jay Bird's picnic grounds. It's the umpteenth Muddy River Classic, where silly is the norm . This Saturday July 13th. Camp-overs welcome. Join in the Fly Tying and Casting contest, Great food and maybe even some late evening pyrotechnics.

What's going on in the world of fly fishing and tying?



Fly of the Month

Lightning Bug

Lightning Bug Materials

Hook: 2x long Wet fly hook (TMC 5262)

Gold or Brass bead head

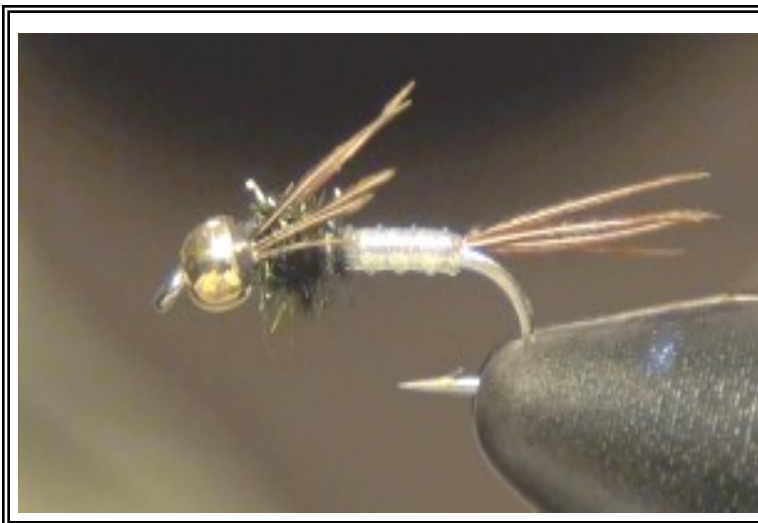
Tail: Pheasant tail fibers (4-5)

Body: White thread w/ Pearl Mylar overwrap

Thorax: Peacock Herl

Shellback: Pearl Mylar Tinsel

Legs: Pheasant tail fibers (3-4 each side)



The *Lightning Bug* is one of the best high water mayfly imitations ever created. The flash on the body allows for the fish to track down the small fly in high water and during runoff season. The Lightning Bug is a mayfly pattern with a similar profile to the [Pheasant Tail Nymph](#). The Lightning Bug can be tied in many different colors. The most common colors used are pearl,

More on the Muddy River Classic

The Muddy River Classic has been the Club's Annual July BBQ for several years. The MRC was preceded by an annual July BBQ that used to held at Jensen's Ranch, off Old Stage Road. As far as I know this tradition goes back over fifty years. For many year the club had it's regular monthly meetings at the community center at the Rodeo Ground. The Rodeo was held in July and thus the building was not available that month and that's how the BBQ was came to be.

This year's MRC should be one to remember. Activities include all the usual. Bill Pshide is working on a new and improved fly tying contest, Scott and Rick are setting up the casting games, The cooking crew is warming up the ribs, Jay is setting up the Rod and Boat Sale. Dave G. is Mr. Pyrotechnic. If you want to camp over, you're welcome. Aside from that: bring an appetizer, main dish or dessert & BYOB..

ForSale

Dave Scadden X5 10.5 ft Pontoon boat excellent condition
Includes casting platform and \$250 Power Stroke carbon fiber oars

Total original retail: \$2700

Will sell: \$1,100 (maybe less to a member)

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Salinas Valley Flyfishers2013 Outing Schedule and Programs**

June 13th.	Muddy River Classic	Jefferson Ranch	Starts at Noon	Jay J.	809-0290
July 17th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room	Lightning Bug	Bill Pshide	424-3063
July 24th	Board Meeting	Landing Zone @ the Airport	All Members welcome	Sonny Wun	757-3676
August 14th.	Monthly Meeting	Landing Zone	Dinner @ 6:00 Meeting @ 7:00	Sonny Wun	757-3676
August 21th.	Fly Tying	Airport Board Room		Bill Pshide	424-3063
August 17th.-18th.	Outing	Indian Creek/ Davis lake	Trout	Rick	385-4778
September 14th.-15th.	Outing	Merced River	Trout	Rick	385-4778
October 12th.-13th.	Outing	Lower Sacramento River	Trout weekend	Rod	809-7499

News from Hunter-Liggett

If you're one of the Hunter-Liggitt faithful. Some new stuff is in the works. . I talked to Greg at the game shack. They are now requiring that all boats and float tubes be inspected. The inspection certificate is good for three days. On the good news front, you can now check in via telephone and don't have to get a creel card at the game shack. There is a pond list with numbers. You just call: give your I.D. number and the numbers for the ponds that you want to fish. There are more details to work out. Stay tuned.

For all the latest info. in what's happening in the wide world of fishing and for club activities, Go to: salinasvalleyflyfishers.org

Special thanks to Geoff Malloway for his ongoing support of the Salinas Valley Fly Fishers and for his many efforts on behalf of stream habitat and the preservation of the fish that we all seek to catch. Next time you're out his way, stop by and say hi . If you need some supplies, advice or to tune up your casting in preparation for your next adventure, Geoff is the guy to see...

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Tips and Tackle

What is Trout Unlimited

TU is a national organization with more than 140,000 volunteers organized into about 400 chapters from Maine to Montana to Alaska. This dedicated grassroots army is matched by a respected staff of lawyers, policy experts and scientists, who work out of more than 30 offices nationwide. These conservation professionals ensure that TU is at the forefront of fisheries restoration work at the local, state and national levels.

TU web-site

Report From Lake Almanor

Jack Cark reported a couple of weeks ago that the Hex Hatch was happening. Initial reports were pretty fair, The water level was 3-4 feet down from last year, but the lake is still in good shape. A few members made the trip up last week. They reported that the weather was damn near perfect. They fished the lake on three evening and the neighboring streams during the day. Rick says that they didn't find Jack , but still managed a few fish. Aside from the Hexagenia hatch, Almanor is known for some great Small Mouth Bass. And though the rainbow didn't cooperate everybody caught nice browns and Smallies, a couple just shy of 20 inches. If you need some convincing about the merits of putting Almanor on you bucket list, talk with Tracy DeSilva sometime.

What About CalTrout?

Cal Trout's Mission :

To protect and restore wild trout, steelhead, salmon and their waters throughout California

CalTrout takes a unique and impactful approach to conservation.

1. We have a solid foundation in science

Our decisions and recommendations are not driven by popular opinion but by sound scientific rationale based on collaborative relationships with [UC Davis](#), [Stanford](#), [UC Santa Barbara](#) and [University of Nevada Reno](#).

2. We have a proven network of conservation-minded partners

Strong collaborative relationships with local, regional and national partners help strengthen our position and accomplish our goals.

3. We have a strong and effective regional presence

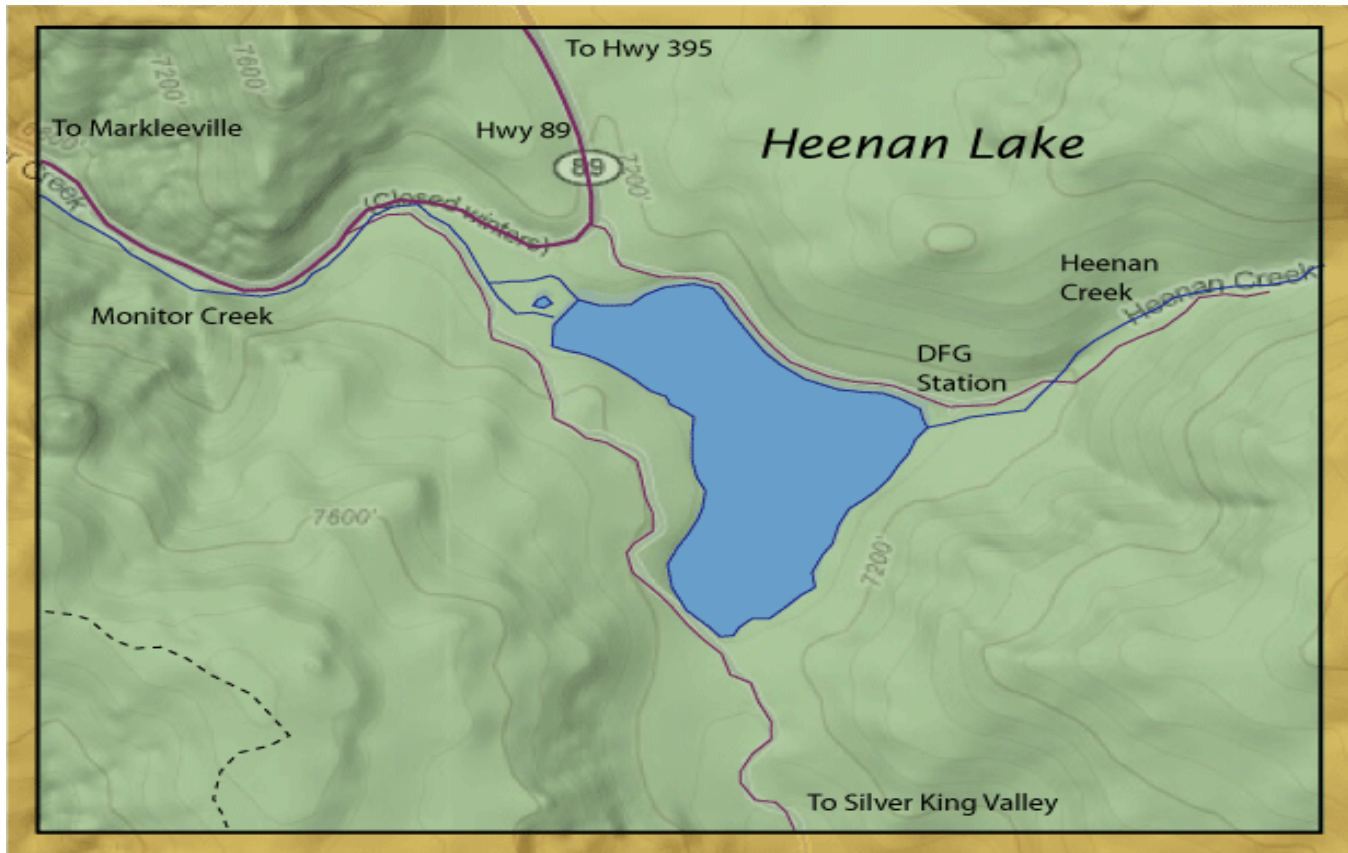
With a decade-long history of regional conservation offices, CalTrout is intimately familiar with local issues and challenges, and thus is positioned to drive and implement well-founded solutions.

Emergency Regulations Close Suction Dredge Mining "Loophole" In CA Law

Suction dredge mining was effectively banned in the state of California since 2009, but a few miners tried to exploit a "loophole" in the law, eliminating their suction dredge's sluice box (part of the overly specific legal definition of a suction dredge) and mining anyway.

California's Department of Fish and Wildlife passed emergency rules which disallowed the use of *any* suction dredge mining equipment, protecting our waterways from toxic levels of mercury and habitat disruption.

Those rules just took affect, and CalTrout wants to commend Fish and Wildlife's quick reaction to the resurgence in suction dredge mining. Below is a press release from several organizations involved in the fight to protect our rivers



How about Heenan Lake this fall?

The 135 acre Heenan Lake has been renowned for producing huge [Lahonton Cutthroats](#) up to 30" with the average being 16 to 20". The Department of Fish and Game have a station there that take some spawners from the lake for egg collections. These eggs are distributed to a number of other state hatcheries including the Hot Creek Hatchery and Nevada Dept of Wildlife. The hatchlings are restocked into Heenan and over 30 additional Eastern Sierra lakes. The Heenan Lake Lahontons are actually a hybridized strain of the original Lahonton Cutthroats that inhabited Lake Lahonton in prehistoric days. The regulations to Heenan Lake is a strict catch and release on barbless hooks on flies or artificial lures. The season opens on the Friday before Labor Day and continues until the last Sunday of October. You can only fish Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Monday through Thursday are not allowed. The tributaries to Heenan are also off-limit year round. Heenan is ideal for float tubing but has recieved heavy fishing pressure recently due to its reputation for big trout. Algae can be a big problem as well. Trolling streamer patterns of Woolly Buggers, Leeches and Matukus in Black, Purple, or Olive from a float tube has been the favored method to fish Heenan. No gas-powered craft are allowed. It's shallow so an intermediate sinking line is sufficient. Dark colored nymphs in sizes 12-14 such as Pheasant Tails, Bird's Nests, and Prince Nymphs with an indicator also work well. Use a slow retrieve. Recently, using a chironomid pattern has become quite popular when used as a dropper below the nymph from 2 to 6 feet in depth. Allow the rig to sit with an occasional twitch. Generally, an intermediate sinking line is the best bet with a 7-8 foot leader. The Lahontans do not put up as rigorous fight as a similar-sized Rainbow so a leader of 4x to 5X should suffice. The Lahontans cruise throughout the lake but a popular area is the inlet of Heenan creek at the east end. This is fairly shallow with plentiful weedbeds. Try casting a nymph pattern into the weedbeds and retrieve slowly. The southern end of the lake is also popular with reed beds usually present

This Map and information was provided courtesy of the Steve Ojai web-site. Please check it out for some neat stuff.

Time to think about late summer / early fall fishing. Call or Email Rod or Rick if you've got ideas for places to go

**Muddy River Classic
July 13th
Jefferson Ranch
on the Salinas River**

**Fly Tying
@
The Board Room
Salinas Airport
July 17th. @ 6:00**

**Board of Directors
Meeting @ the
Landing Zone
July 24th. @ 6:00**

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